



Shrewsbury Public Schools

Office of Business Services

Report to the School Committee: FY17 Grants Update

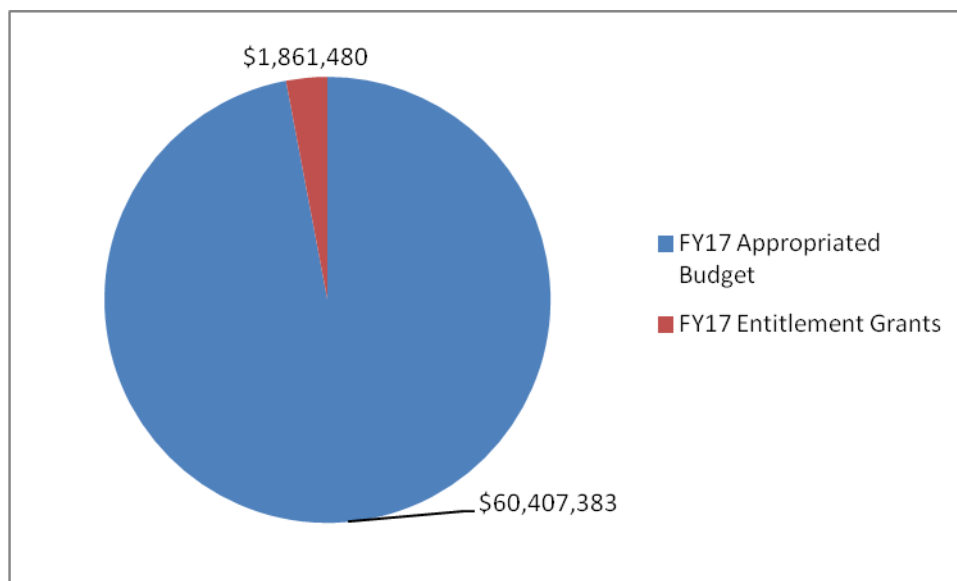
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Entitlement Grants

Federal and state entitlement grants are an important source of funding for our school operations. Entitlement grants are established and allocated at the state and federal level. Entitlement grants are noncompetitive and are awarded automatically on the basis of defined formulas that differ by grant. This report will show the amount of funding we are receiving for Fiscal Year 2017 (FY17), i.e., the 2016-2017 school year, and it will also provide comparisons to past years.

While relatively small in comparison to the appropriated budget, state and federal grants provide valuable resources for a wide variety of student supports and staff development. In FY17, two state grants were eliminated and most of the federal entitlement grants saw a decrease or remained flat. Overall, we saw a net decrease of \$154,601 or -8.07% across all grants.

The chart below illustrates the FY17 entitlement grant monies allocated to Shrewsbury in relation to the entire Shrewsbury Public Schools appropriated budget.



The table below shows the grants we are currently receiving, a brief description of what each is used for, and the amount we have been allocated for the current fiscal year.

Federal and State Entitlement Grants

Grant	Description	FY16 Amount
(Title IIA) Teacher Quality Grant	Federal funding for professional development. In the past, this grant offset a large portion of the salary of an elementary instructional coach. Because all the instructional coach/curriculum coordinators are now funded through the appropriated budget, these funds may now be targeted at important training of educators for various district initiatives. Specifically, for 2016-2017, this grant will continue the previous year's work towards the District's Project-Based Learning Initiative.	\$83,487 (FY16 \$86,287)
(Title III) English Language Acquisition	The federal allocated Title III grant enables Shrewsbury to offer targeted summer instruction for English Language Learners. It also provides various supports for the instruction of these students during the course of the year.	\$29,850 (FY16 \$30,045)
(Title III) Summer English Language Acquisition	This federal grant was new to Shrewsbury Public Schools for the 2014-2015 school year, but due to our demographics, the District was not eligible in 2015-2016. The eligibility for the grant is based on a formula using the District's annual SIMS report of students with limited English language proficiency.	\$822 (FY16 \$0)
Special Education Entitlement Grant	Federal funding to assist with the costs of educating students with disabilities. Shrewsbury uses its funding to pay for some instructional materials and technology for students with disabilities. This year, the district will continue to use the majority of these funds to pay for the transportation for those students that have IEP's requiring specialized transportation, with the remainder supporting special education instructional supplies and materials.	\$1,460,831 (FY16 \$1,408,178)
Early Childhood Special Education Entitlement	Federal funding to improve instruction targeted at social and emotional relationships through professional development opportunities to preschool teachers, speech and language pathologists and school psychologists. The status of this grant has not been announced as of September 2016.	\$TBD (FY16 \$3,000)
Early Childhood Special Education Grant	Funding through the Department of Early Education and Care (DEEC) to provide support for preschool special education programming. Shrewsbury uses these funds for a portion of the preschool director's salary and a portion of the preschool psychologist's salary.	\$33,573 (FY16 \$33,890)

Quality Full-Day Kindergarten	As discussed last year and through the budgeting process in Spring 2016, the future of this grant was uncertain and has been eliminated.	\$0 (FY16 \$62,380)
(Title I) Supplemental Education for Disadvantaged Children	Federal funding to provide academic support to children in schools that qualify for assistance due to their socioeconomic status as measured by the rate of participation in the subsidized lunch program. The FY16 Title I allocations were based on demographics from 2013 & 2014; a period in which a local hotel was operating has a state-run shelter. Demographics have changed significantly from that time and the grant award has been decreased accordingly.	\$205,341 (FY16 \$337,755)
Academic Support Services	This grant has seen significant reductions over the years and has now been eliminated.	\$0 (FY16 \$6,700)
Special Education Program Improvement Grant	Federal funding to provide professional development in order to increase the effectiveness of the district's special education program. These funds will be spent on Orton-Gillingham training, Autism Spectrum Disorder training, Psychiatric consultations, Co-teaching training, and mentoring.	\$47,846 (FY16 \$47,846)
Total Grant Funding for FY17		\$1,861,480 (FY16 \$2,016,081)

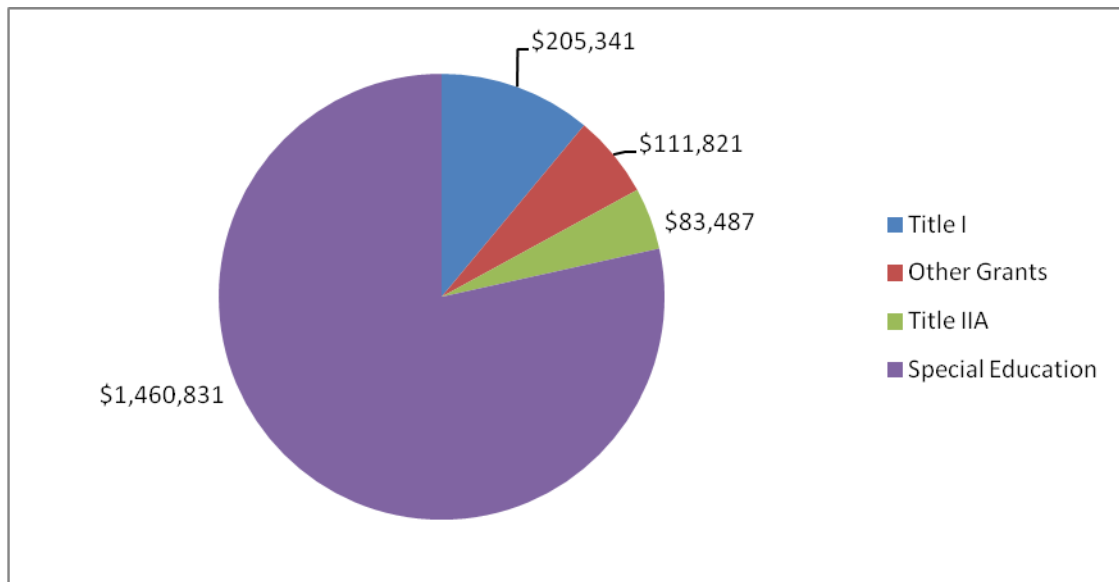
The table below illustrates the allocation of State and Federal Entitlement Grant Funds to the Shrewsbury Public Schools over the past five years.

Grant	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17	1 Year Difference	5 Year Difference
Teacher Quality Grant (Title IIA)	\$91,194	\$86,975	\$85,455	\$86,287	\$83,487	(\$2,800)	(\$7,707)
English Language Acquisition (Title III)	\$27,084	\$22,909	\$28,420	\$30,045	\$29,580	(\$465)	\$2,496
Immigrant Grant (Title III)	\$0	\$0	\$7,950	\$0	\$822	\$822	\$822
Special Education Entitlement Grant	\$1,448,018	\$1,405,287	\$1,424,658	\$1,408,178	\$1,460,831	\$52,653	\$12,813
Early Childhood Special Education Entitlement	\$0	\$4,000	\$8,000	\$3,000		(\$3,000)	\$0
Early Childhood-Special Education	\$34,031	\$32,167	\$33,934	\$33,890	\$33,573	(\$317)	(\$458)
Full Day Kindergarten Grant	\$82,138	\$82,138	\$79,800	\$62,380	\$0	(\$62,380)	(\$82,138)
Special Education Program Improvement Grant	\$44,361	\$25,839	\$47,463	\$47,846	\$47,846	\$0	\$3,485
Supplemental Education for Disadvantaged Children (Title I)	\$175,479	\$186,273	\$189,672	\$337,755	\$205,341	(\$132,414)	\$29,862
Academic Support Services	\$14,900	\$13,400	\$9,500	\$6,700	\$0	(\$6,700)	(\$14,900)
Totals	\$1,917,205	\$1,858,988	\$1,914,852	\$2,016,081	\$1,861,480	(\$154,601)	(\$55,725)

State and Federal Entitlement Grant Summary

The above data show that, overall, federal and state grant funding for Shrewsbury has decreased by 8.07% over a one-year period and 2.92% over a five-year period. A modest increase in our special education grants over five years gives minimal relief to our local budget, however, the elimination of state grants is concerning as the difference will be made up through a combination of the local budget and user fees.

The chart below illustrates the current distribution of grants in FY17 by major grant area for both federal and state allocations. Grants addressing the delivery of special education and professional development of special educators make up the majority of the grants at 83%.



Other Grant Opportunities

Credit for Life \$5,000

A state grant was written and applied for by Math Department Head Jean-Marie Johnson and Math Teacher Rebecca Moisan. Offered by the State Treasurer's Financial Education Innovation Fund, "Credit for Life" is a grant program to support the running of a community fair to educate students on making real-world personal finance decisions on saving, spending, and budgeting based upon career and lifestyle decisions.

Big Yellow Bus \$200

The Big Yellow Bus grant is offered by the Mass Cultural Council to offset the cost of transporting students to a non-profit organization for field-based learning experiences. Multiple grants can be awarded to a single district in any given year. Sherwood Middle School has utilized this grant for a student trip to Heifer International.